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CRAYONS OF DOMINICA

UNDER THE SAMAN

Under the circular shadow of the jetty's saman
Creamy high-humped cattle munch the sweet pods:
The zebus browse placidly against the blue and black
Of the sea and a distant promontory.
On this promontory de Bouillé defeated Stuart;
On this sea Rodney defeated de Grasse.

THE LITTLE DONKEY

Gi! ti bourique à-moin!
And around the bend
Swing enormous panniers
Swaying to tiny mincing feet.

Are you weary, little friend,
Mouse to these huge mornes?
Or does the beauty of your burden
Make it light?—
Lilies and fresh white roses
For Notre-Dame de Lourdes!

FIRST GROWTH

The natives call this shadowless silence the *grands-bois*
And tell you these matted buttressed masses are trees—